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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE GOC PURCHASE OF ARMS

REF: ATHENS 8979, NICOSIA 2584

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY (METAXAS) AGAIN ASKED POLITICAL COUNSELOR TO CALL TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE NEW ARMS PURCHASES BY GOC. HE REFERRED TO TO PREVIOUS CONVERSATION AND REPEATED GOG HOPE EITHER THAT USG WOULD PROVIDE SPECIFIC INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO IT OR DROP MATTER SINCE GOG CONSIDERED AGITATING ISSUE IF INFORMATION NOT FIRM WOULD HAVE DISTURBING EFFECT ON ISLAND. IT COULD EVEN STIMULATE GOT REACTION.

2. POLITICAL COUNSELOR SAID WE CONTINUED TO BELIEVE SOME ARMS PURCHASES HAD BEEN MADE AND PERHAPS SOME SHIPMENTS HAD ARRIVED BUT THAT WE WERE NOT IN A POSITION TO SUPPLY ANY MORE DETAILED INFORMATION. SHE CONFIRMED THAT WE HAD ALREADY MADE APPROPRIATE DEMARCHE TO GOC.

3. METAXAS SAID THAT AMBASSADOR LAGACOS HAD INFORMED FOREIGN
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MINISTRY THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO CORROBORATE AMERICAN EMBASSY'S

INFORMATION AND HAD ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT IMPACT OF U.S.
DEMARCHES ON THIS SUBJECT.

4. IF THERE IS ANYTHING FURTHER WE CAN SAY TO GOG ON THIS MATTER
WE WOULD APPRECIATE URGENT GUIDANCE FROM DEPT. WE ASSUME GOG
POSITION MAY REFLECT CONCERN THAT GOG PURCHASING ARMS IN ORDER
TO BUILD UP ITS OWN FORCES AND BEGIN PROCESS OF EDGING OUT
GOG-DOMINATED NATIONAL GUARD.
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